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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :
Adamo Sala :
Application No. 10/042,184 :
Filed: January 11, 2002 : ON PETITION
Title of Invention: :
TYRE-ASSEMBLING APPARATUS :

This is a decision on the Petition to Accept Originally Filed Application, filed July 1, 2004. The petition is properly treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181. The delay in treating this petition is regretted.

On January 11, 2002, Applicant filed the above-identified application as a continuation of International Application PCT/EP00/05972. Applicant included, *inter alia*, a copy of PCT/EP00/05972; a preliminary amendment, an Appendix to Preliminary Amendment; an Abstract of the Disclosure, an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS"). The IDS listed several documents including application WO 98/52,740, and a copy of WO 98/52,740.

This Office processed WO 98/52,740 as the continuing application.

Applicant files the instant petition and requests that this Office replace the application papers (specification, claims, abstract and drawings) of WO 98/52,740, with PCT/EP00/05972, and that WO 98/52,740 be associated with the IDS. Applicant further requests that the Preliminary Amendment and Appendix to Preliminary Amendment be applied to PCT/EP00/05972.

A review of the application file reveals that PCT/EP00/05972 was present on January 11, 2002, and included a specification, claims, abstract and drawings. As such, the application papers from PCT/EP00/05972 are sufficient to accord a filing date of January 11, 2002.

Accordingly, this petition is granted.

The application papers (specification, claims, abstract and drawings) of WO 98/52,740, have been replaced with those of PCT/EP00/05972.

No fee has been charged and none is due.

The file is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 1733 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Derek L. Woods".

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